Fleeing of Chinese fugitives

507. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fugitives (corrupt Chinese officials) ftom Yunnan Province of China are fleeing from China either to India or through India to other neighbouring countries like Myanmar, Laos etc;

(b) if so, whether we have tightened our security to detect such fugitives as it may also pose a security hazard in this sensitive area;

(c) whether China has requested India for a road-link between Kunming, capital of Yunnan and Arunachal Pradesh through Myanmar; and

(d) if so, the status of this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

New nuclear agreement

508. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India under the nuclear agreement would not be able to conduct nuclear tests and in case it does, under the Hyde Act it will attract US domestic law;

(b) if so, the salient features of the new agreement;

(c) to what extent India's concerns have been addressed; and

(d) to what extent US has compromised in incorporating Indian stand, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) India and the USA have agreed on the text of a bilateral 'Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy'. This Agreement only deals with bilateral civil nuclear cooperation. India's right to nuclear tests in the future has not been affected by this agreement. The text does not mention testing.

(c) and (d) The outcome of the discussions is the final text that has been agreed to the mutual satisfaction of both Governments. It reflects the political understandings and commitments of July, 2005 and March, 2006 and the basic principles listed out in the statement of Prime Minister in Parliament on August, 17, 2006. The text of the Agreement has been released to the public on August 3, 2007.